

New Mexico Legislature  
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Transportation Infrastructure in  
Indian Country:

NMDOT District Six Partnerships with Tribes, Pueblos, and  
Nations

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# How does NMDOT Collaborate With Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations?

- ❖ NMDOT is committed to the principle of partnership with Tribal Governments.
- ❖ NMDOT develops government-to-governments relations on all matters of transportation in a consultative manner that is respectful of each entity's culture and traditions.





# Objective of Presentation

- ❖ One way to implement the Principle of “Partnership between Governments”
- ❖ Results of implementation within District Six

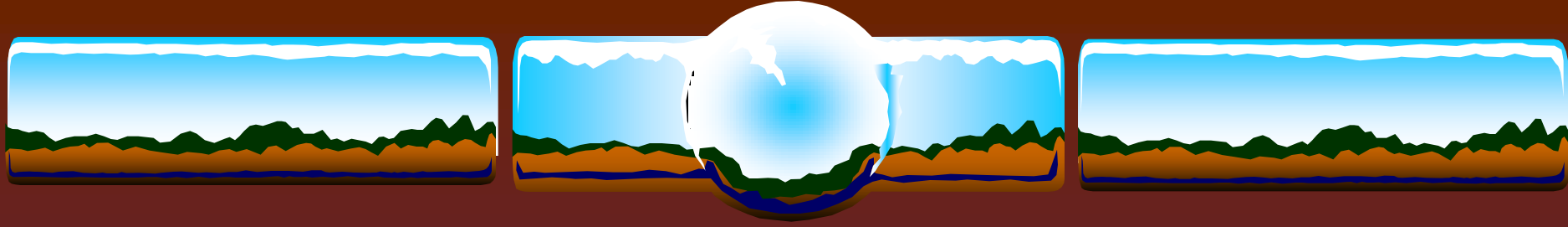




# One Way to Succeed in Building Partnerships

1. Joint Consultation
2. Build durable Relationship
3. Build Formal Partnership
4. Discuss Transportation Matters





FHWA refers to consultation as:

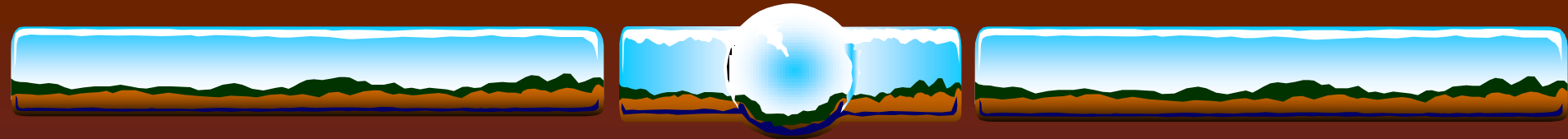
Respectful, effective  
communication in a cooperative  
process.



# What is close cooperation/consultation?



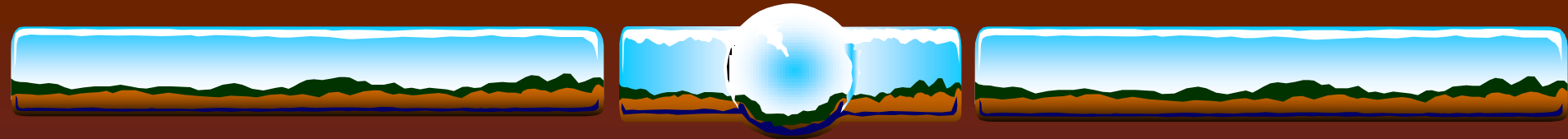




# 1. Consultation is:

- ❖ Required to build a relationship, partnership or joint project.
- ❖ Respectful, authentic, continuous, patient and documented communication.
- ❖ Working toward consensus before a decision is made.
- ❖ More than simply informing affected entity about what the Department is going to do.





# 1. Consultation is: (continued)

- ❖ A process, not a guaranteed outcome.
- ❖ Forming an tribe/entity-state team together.
- ❖ Jointly creating and following guidelines for communication.





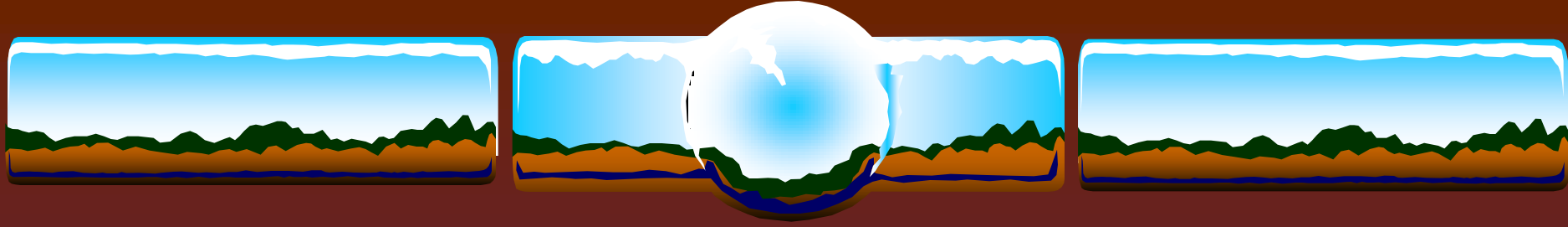
# Consultation should result in:

- ❖ Incorporating suggested changes.
- ❖ Joint training and sharing of info about:

- |              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| ✓ Values     | ✓ Orders                |
| ✓ Culture    | ✓ Policies              |
| ✓ Beliefs    | ✓ Challenges            |
| ✓ Laws       | ✓ Transportation jargon |
| ✓ Directives | ✓ Transportation issues |

- ❖ Unifying a durable relationship.

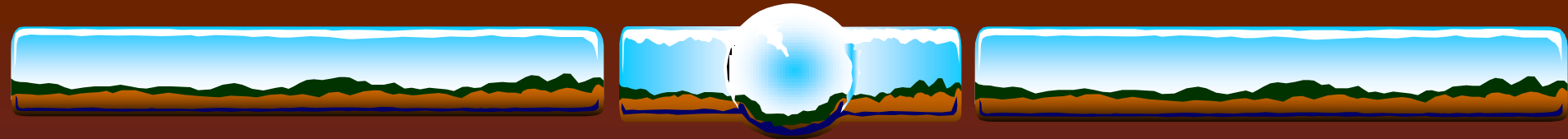




## 2. Building a Relationship

Building a relationship is required  
before planning, scoping, designing  
or beginning a project.

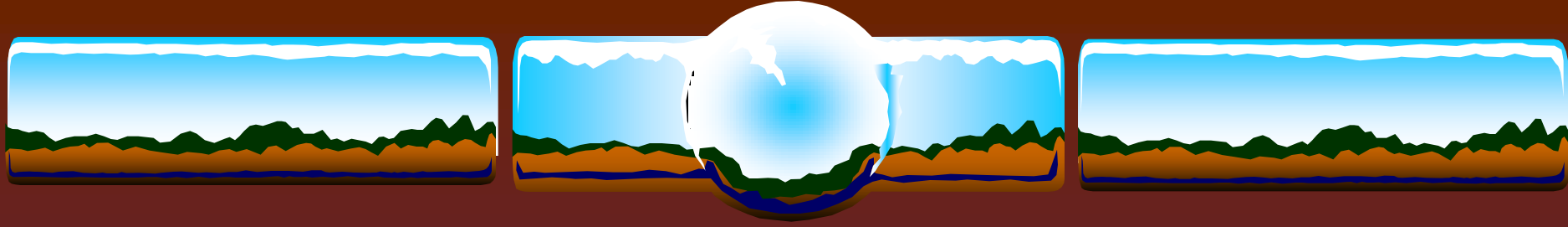




# Relationships should:

- ❖ Be continuous.
- ❖ Be durable.
- ❖ Include the entire Department or Entity or Tribe.
- ❖ Include continuous feedback.
- ❖ Promote partnership.





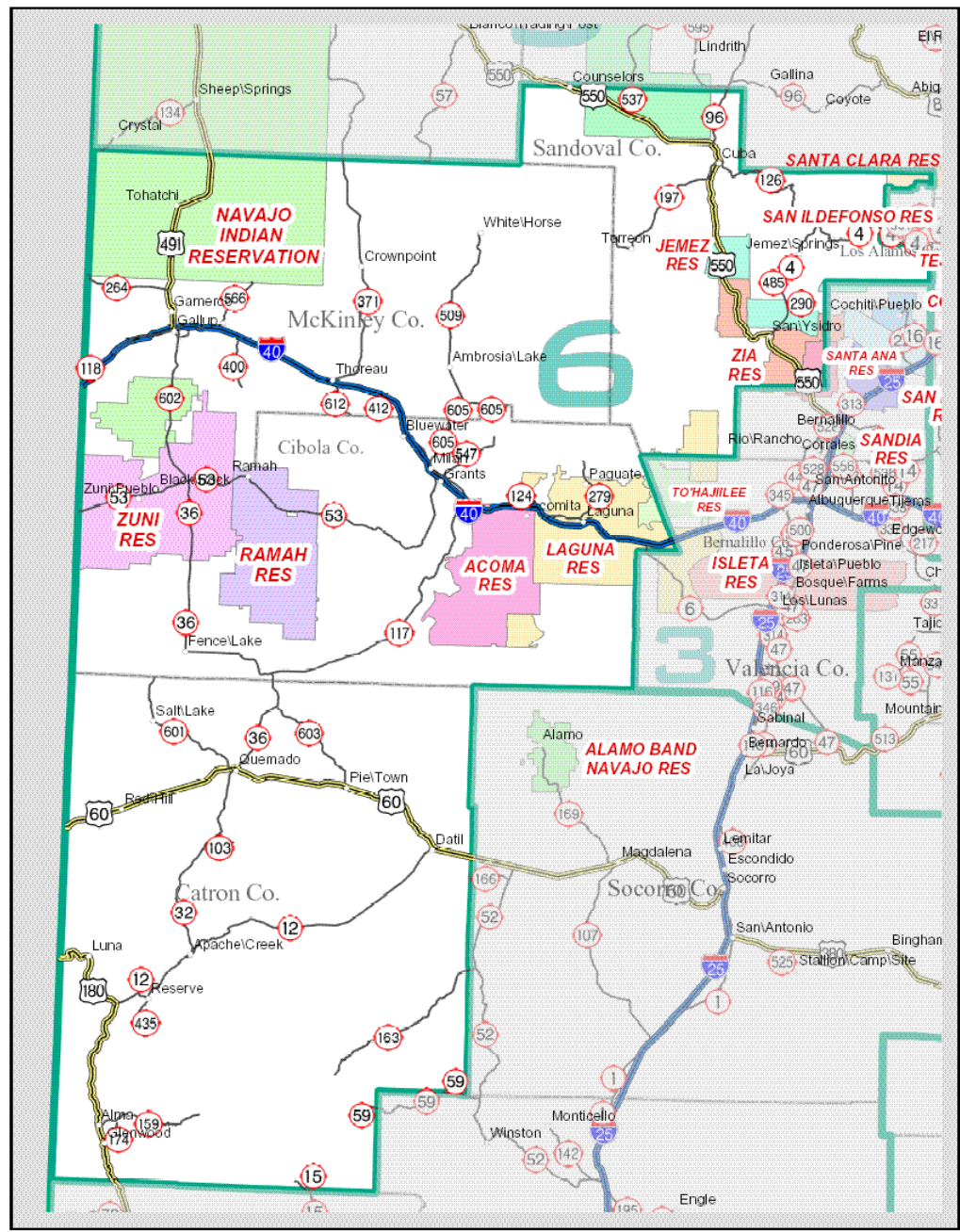
### 3. Partnership:

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines partnership as:

A relationship involving close cooperation between parties having specified and joint rights and responsibilities.



# DISTRICT 6



District Six  
Includes  
Counties of:  
Cibola  
McKinley  
Catron  
Sandoval  
& portions of  
Valencia  
San Juan





## D-6 Consultations, Relationships, Partnerships & Transportation Issues

- ❖ Navajo Nation
- ❖ Pueblo of Acoma
- ❖ Pueblo of Zuni
- ❖ Jemez Pueblo
- ❖ Pueblo of Laguna

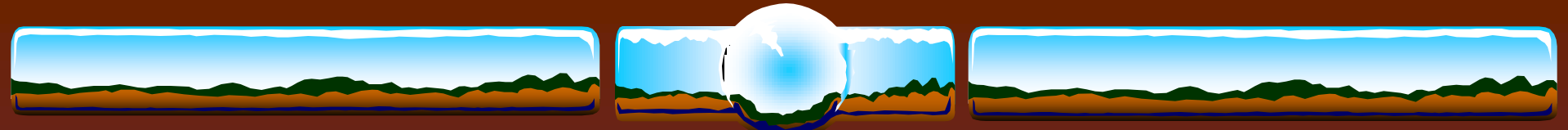




# Bridging Differences with Navajo Nation







# NMDOT entered into an agreement with Navajo Nation to work cooperatively on transportation issues of mutual concern.

- ❖ Change the name of NM Route 666
- ❖ Formulate plan for Navajo Nation DOT Maintenance Patrol Yards
- ❖ 4-Lane US 491 ( old 666)
- ❖ Participate within NWRPO





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# Navajo Nation Maintenance Patrol Yard





# The US 491 4-Lane Partnership Project With Navajo Nation



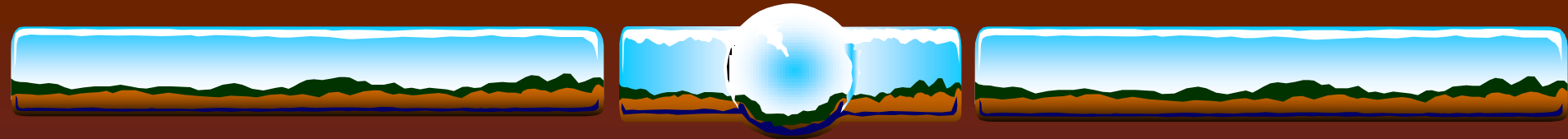


# Building a Better Relationship

With  
Pueblo  
Of  
Acoma








NMDOT entered into an agreement with  
Pueblo of Acoma to work cooperatively  
on transportation  
issues of mutual concern.

- ❖ Clean Up the Anzac Rest Area
- ❖ Improve Safety along Acoma Development Route
- ❖ Construct a Safe Interchange
- ❖ Participate within the NWRPO



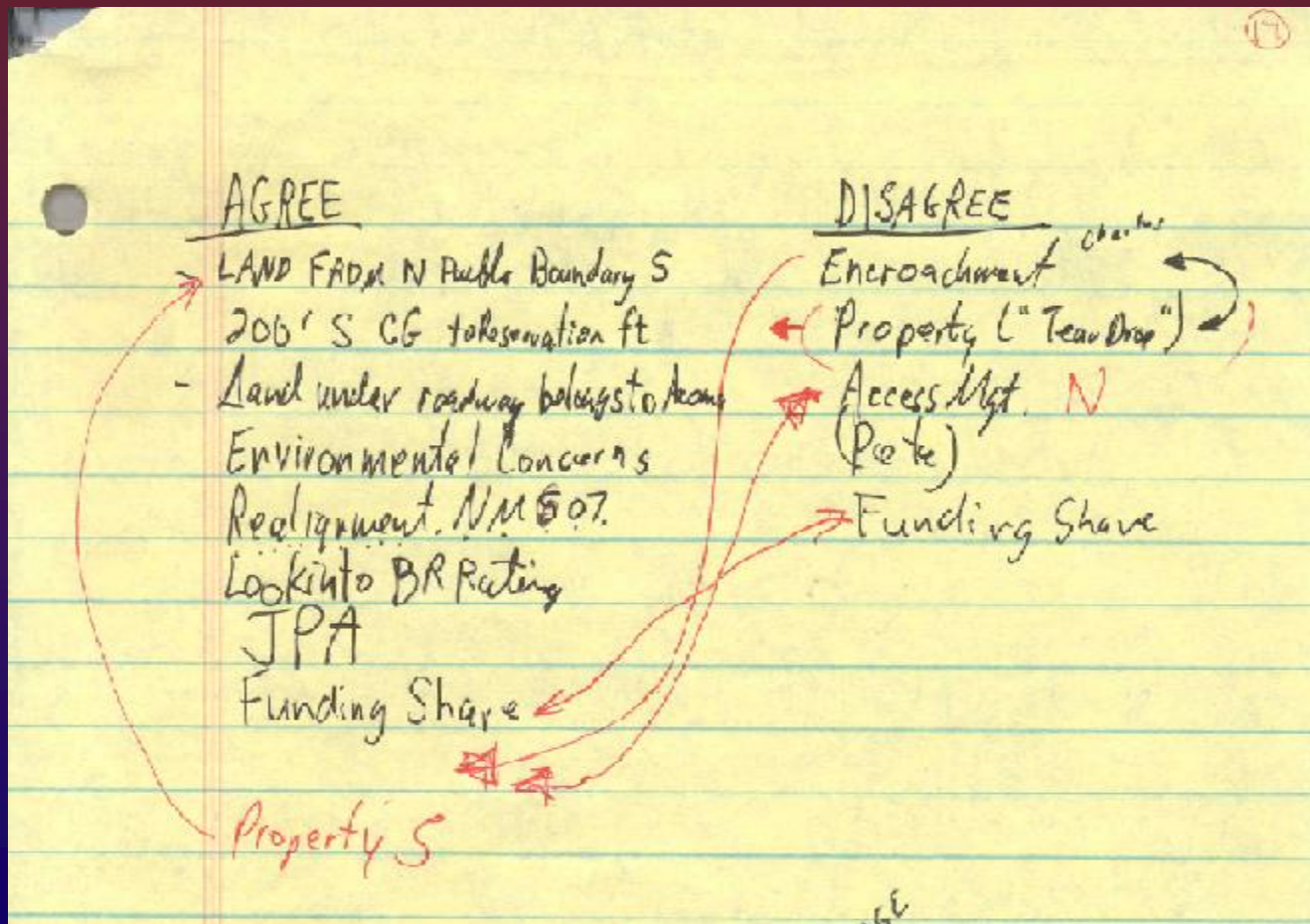


# NMDOT & Pueblo of Acoma Working Group





# Acoma & NMDOT Meeting-Changing “Disagree” to “Agree”







# Old Anzac Rest Area Cleaned Up at Pueblo of Acoma



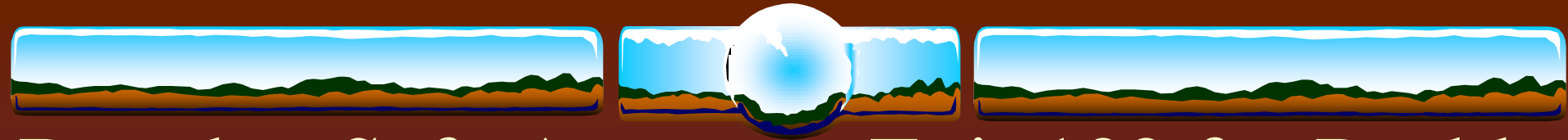




# Improve Safety Through Acoma Development





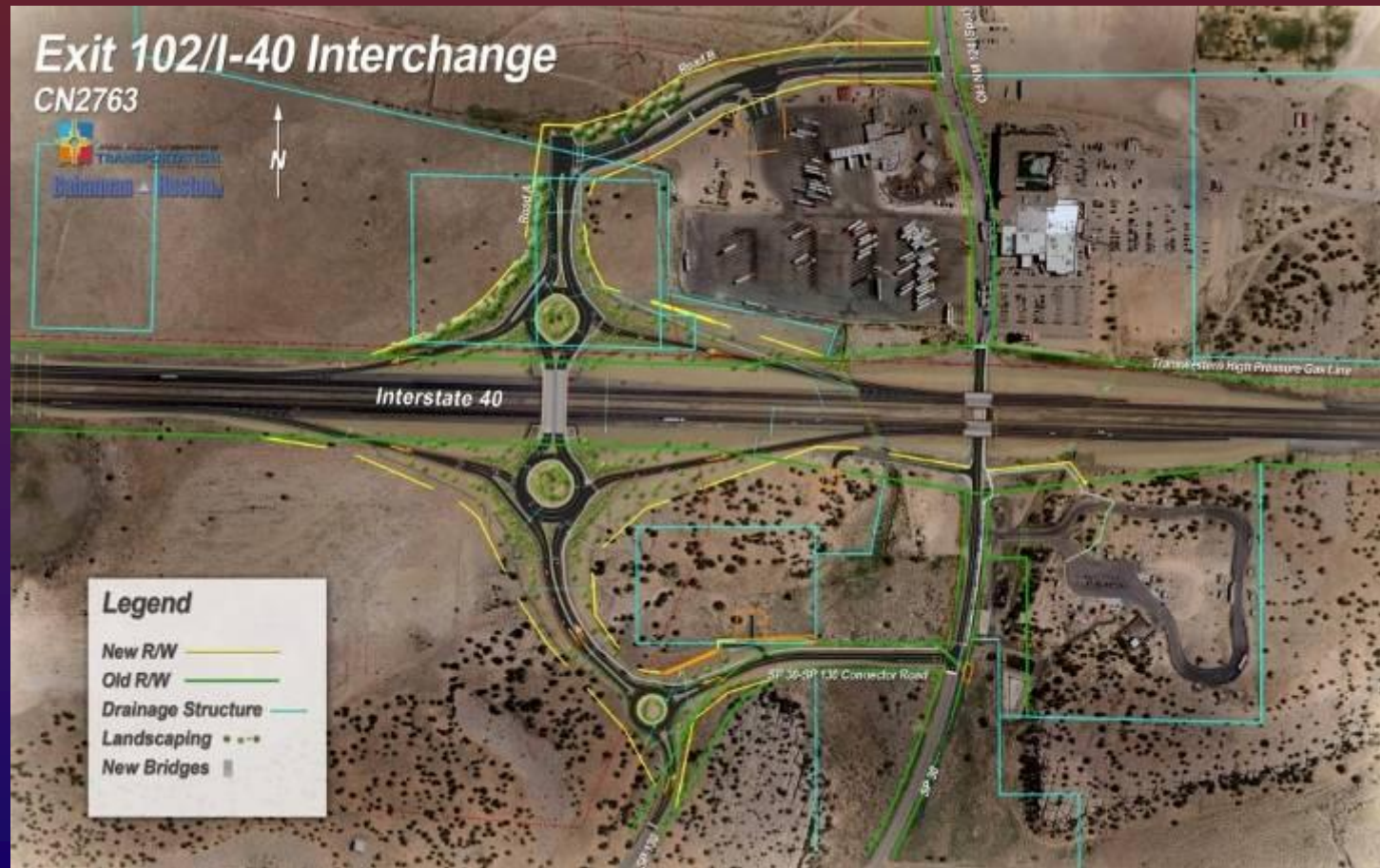


# Develop Safe Access at Exit 102 for Pueblo of Acoma and all Travelers

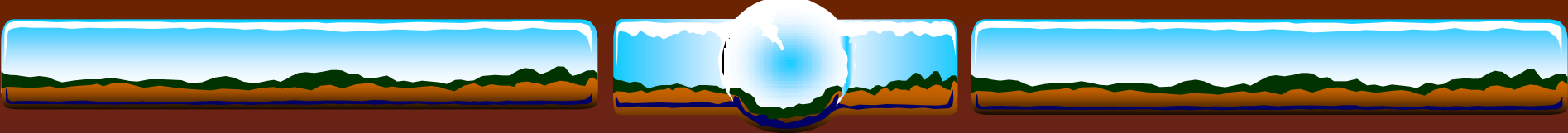




# I-40, Exit 102, Cost Sharing Partnership Project with Pueblo of Acoma







# NMDOT entered into an agreement with Zuni Pueblo to work cooperatively on transportation issues of mutual concern

- ❖ Tribal Health & Pedestrian Safety
- ❖ Reduced Speeds & Intersection Safety



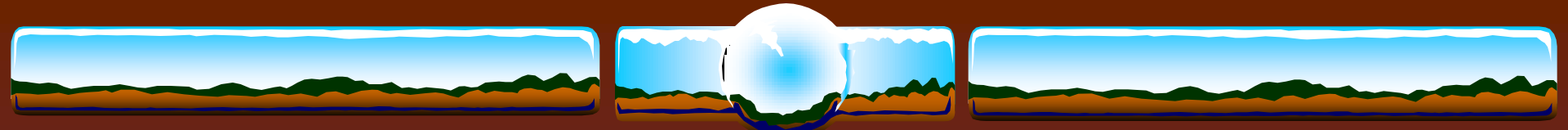




# Traffic Calming to Reduce Speeds on NM 53 driving into Zuni Pueblo







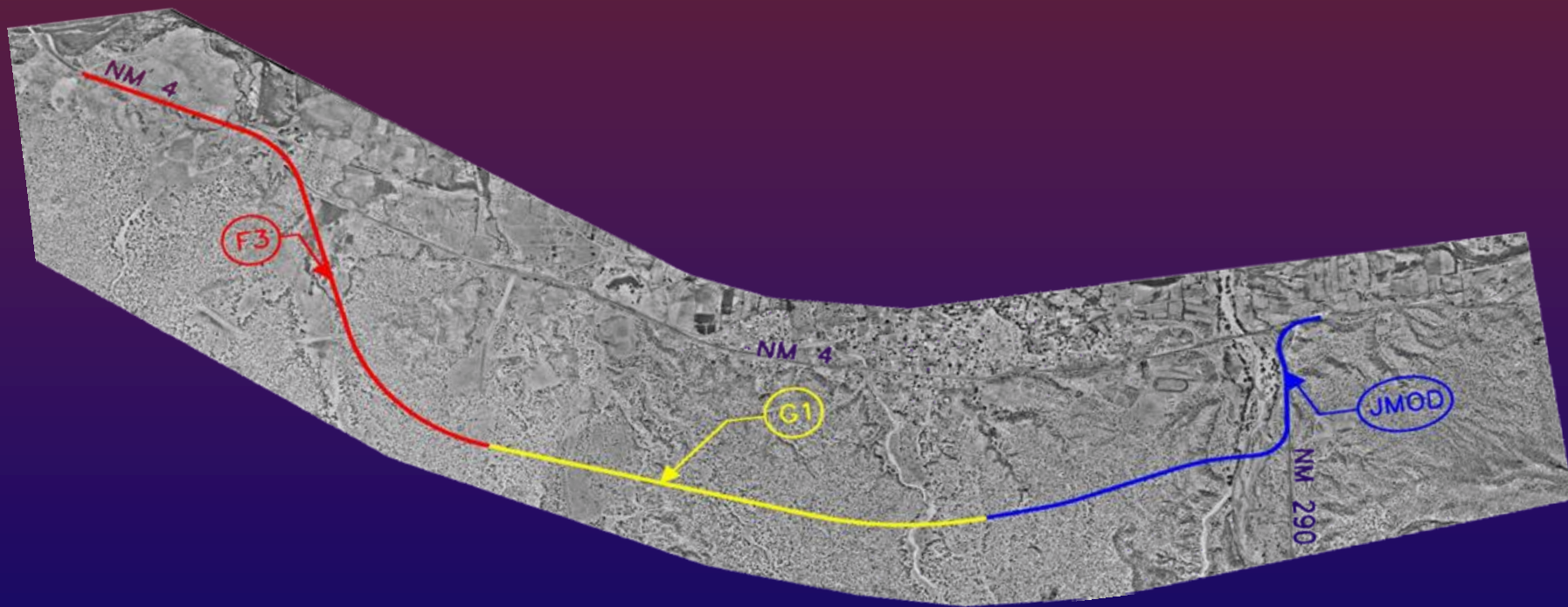
# NMDOT entered into an agreement with Pueblo of Jemez to work cooperatively on transportation issues of mutual concern

- ❖ Drainage Issues
- ❖ Proposed By-Pass

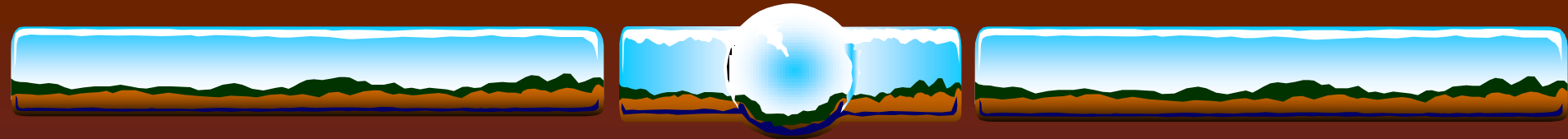




# NM 4 Cost Sharing Partnership Project with Pueblo of Jemez







# NMDOT entered into an agreement with Laguna Pueblo to work cooperatively on transportation issues of mutual concern

- ❖ I-40, Exit 108 Interchange Improvements
- ❖ Intersection Improvements at Old Laguna



# I-40, Exit 108 Cost Sharing Partnership Interchange Project with Laguna Pueblo





# NMDOT Partners with Vietnam Veterans



NMDOT met with an Acoma Vietnam Marine who bravely fought at Khe Sahn and currently lives within view of this Bridge, that was recently named for the many who fought and died at Khe Sahn





Questions?

Thank You!